

## **ISSUE #5**

### **What level of commercial or other authorized use should be allowed in the planning area, and what conditions will be applied to permitted activities?**

Activities of commercial users in the planning area affect both the environment and resources in the planning area, as well as the communities in and around the immediate area and on a regional and national interests. These effects can be both positive and negative. Certain activities relate to the production of food, fiber, energy and other materials and consumer goods. Other authorizations allow for services to be provided to the public (for instance recreational uses or emergency communications).

Some of the uses that require authorization in the planning area are:

1. livestock grazing
2. utility transmission and distribution facilities
3. communication facilities
4. road right-of-ways
5. sand and gravel pits
6. hardrock mineral development
7. oil and gas leasing and development
8. research permits
9. special recreation use permits

Some major factors and considerations in alternative formulation and estimation of effects will include:

10. health of the land
11. opportunities for economic activity
12. conflicts between commercial and non-commercial uses
13. compatibility between commercial and non-commercial uses
14. impacts to communities of place
15. impacts to communities of interest
16. environmental impacts
17. avoidance areas
18. exclusion areas
19. reclamation of disturbed lands